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PEKING STUDYING UN PEACE PLAN

Hint Of Acceptance, But With Certain Reservations

London, Jan. 15.

Informed quarters said today that there are indications that Communist China may accept the United Nations proposals for a settlement in Korea with "certain reservations."

The Indian ambassador in Peking is understood to have advised the Prime Minister, Mr. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in London that Red China will consent to four-power talks, providing the troops were not expected to withdraw from their present positions in Korea.

The Chinese are apparently willing to accept the proposals from the United Nations Political Committee itself, but not from the three-man cease-fire committee which Peking maintains is not "representative."

SOEKARNO OFFERS TO RESIGN

Djakarta, Jan. 15. President Soekarno offered today to resign if the people demand it as a result of his failure to make good a pledge to obtain Dutch help New Guinea for Indonesia by January 1, 1951.

But assuming his continuation in office, the Indonesian leader told a correspondent's dinner:

"Our new aim must be to get Irian (the Indonesian word for West New Guinea) back before the dawn of January 1, 1952."

President Soekarno plainly showed his chagrin over the failure of the recent New Guinea conference in Holland.—Associated Press.

Reds Release Americans

Berlin, Jan. 16. The Soviet authorities today released three American soldiers arrested by the East German police when they entered the Soviet Zone inadvertently yesterday.

They crossed the border while hunting in the American district of Lichtenrade.

"The delay in securing their release was due to the fact that yesterday the Russians were celebrating their New Year's Day—and simply left their telephones off the hook," an American Army officer said.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Creditable Decision

GENERAL Collins, United States Chief of Staff has announced that there is no intention of incontinently pulling United Nations forces out of Korea in face of pressure from the Chinese Communist and North Korean armies. On the contrary, says General Collins, reinforcements are going to be sent to bolster the Eighth Army. This is good news, not because anyone wishes to see the fighting in Korea last a minute longer than can be avoided, but because the decision does credit to the honour and prestige of the United Nations in its stand against wanton aggression. Moreover, to concede, by default, the rest of Korea to the Communist troops would present the Chinese Reds with an intolerable bargaining position when it comes to a question of deciding, by negotiation, the future of Korea. Nor is there a discernible reason, from the purely military tactical point of view, why the United Nations army should not be able to provide for itself a sufficiently strong beachhead from which it could not only successfully defy any onslaught, but which would present opportunities for dealing punishing blows to the enemy's over-extended lines of supply. Such a situation is probably appreciated by the Chinese Communist military leaders and may well provide one reason why the Peking Government in showing itself to be rather more amenable to the idea of bringing hostilities to an end in Korea. Manifestly, Peking's reception of the latest UN proposals, which in effect are the product of the Commonwealth conference in London, is giving cause for

qualified satisfaction and renewed hopes at Lake Success. The policy of peace by negotiation without appeasement, which the majority of the United Nations members have so patiently advocated, may yet be vindicated. It all rests on Soviet Russia and Communist China. For all practical purposes no further proposals can be made. The Soviet bloc which has persistently voted against and vetoed the various plans for a cease-fire and a negotiated settlement has not offered any positive alternative proposals. Its attitude has been conventionally negative and obstructive—"full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." There are faint indications that the Communist clique are beginning even themselves to weary of this policy and are considering seriously the latest "end hostilities" proposals from the United Nations. The Peking Government has not yet officially acknowledged the proposals and its reply is still awaited. It may not be disclosed for several days, but the fact that Peking has not rejected the plan out of hand lends belief to the suggestion that the reply, when it is made, will be more favourable than anything which has yet come from the Chinese Communist government. There is satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that the United Nations do not intend to allow any opportunity for a settlement by negotiation to pass by and this intention should be but another inducement to the Peking regime to accept the current proposals which, so far as the interests of China are concerned, are the most far-reaching offered to date.

Certainly, Mr. Mackay criticizes grossly if he believes that the great mass of the Malayan peoples and the inhabitants of Hongkong would be glad to see the British leave at this moment.

Not Guilty Pleas To Murder Charge

Manila, Jan. 16. Two suspects pleaded innocent to charges of killing Seattle businessmen John P. Herber in a holdup last November.

Carlos Santaguel and Juan Gonzales, indicted as accomplices in the crime, were arraigned before Cavite City Judge Jose Bernabe.

Cavite Province Fiscal Damaso S. Tengco charged Santaguel and Gonzales were members of a bandit gang which ambushed a party of sightseers in the road 15 miles south of Manila last November 19.

Bandits took US\$450 from the party. When a Constabulary patrol appeared on the scene they shot Mr. Herber and Alexander Krivenko, Manila businessman, in the stomach. Mr. Herber, an exporter-importer here on a business visit, died within an hour.

Four others who have been indicted on charges of participating in the robbery-murder are still at large. Trial of Santaguel and Gonzales was set for February 19.—Associated Press.

Battle For Hanoi Reaches Climax

Hanoi, Jan. 15. A major battle for Hanoi along a 75 mile front neared its climax tonight.

Vietminh rebel forces, estimated at 35 to 40 battalions, took the unprecedented action of deploying as a field army for daylight battle in open country on Monday. (A battalion normally is about 1,000 men, but Vietminh battalions may be smaller).

General De Lattre Do Tasch, French Commander in Chief who flew from Saigon to Mr. Nehru did not deal with the United Nations resolution for a cease-fire but were answers to Mr. Nehru's request last week for clarification of certain details in previous advices on the Chinese attitude.

SIMULTANEOUS MOVES

New Delhi, Jan. 16. Indian Government quarters said today that they believe Communist China will demand that any cease-fire in Korea should coincide with the opening of the Big Four talks on Formosa and Korea.

An official Indian spokesman said the only evidence available is that the United Nations plan is receiving careful consideration by the Chinese Government.

He said: "The only question they have been insisting on so far is that the cease-fire and consultations on other issues should proceed side by side. The present solution does not specify the times when the various steps have to be taken."

Government quarters added the Chinese would insist on simultaneous moves, but the spokesman said: "The Government of India does not know the final reaction of the Chinese Government."—United Press.

PRAVDA ALLEGATION

It was pointed out that charges that Americans intended to use Korea as a base for an attack on Red China pre-coded Communist China's intervention in that war. The Pravda article said Indo-China was a most important base for attack on China by the Americans.

Pravda said \$600,000 had been earmarked from American

aid funds for arming Chinese Nationalists. About 30,000 of them fled to Indo-China in December, 1949 when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces collapsed on the mainland. They are now disarmed and interned at Nau Trang, near Dakar in southern Indo-China, and on the island of Phu Quoc in the Gulf of Siam, Paris' informants said.

Reliable Paris sources said "there is fear in official quarters that this charge is the psychological spadework for Chinese intervention in Indo-China."

Some French sources in Paris were described as "somewhat alarmed" by charges in Pravda, Moscow Communist newspaper, that France and the United States are arming Chinese Nationalists in Indo-China.

Moscow diplomats also were seriously disturbed by the charge.

**FLU EPIDEMIC
ASSESSED**

Geneva, Jan. 15. The present influenza epidemic in Europe cannot be compared either in spread or in severity to the serious epidemics in the early part of the century, the World Health Organisation said today.

At the same time, the WHO warned that the epidemics' two main centres in Northern Europe and in Spain appear to be "on the point of joining across France."

"So far," the WHO report said, "complications are rare and the mortality rate remains very low. It is true, on the other hand, that influenza, however mild, may be fatal for the aged or for people suffering from heart disease."—Associated Press.

TRAMS COLLIDE

Goteborg, Sweden, Jan. 15.

Three passengers were killed and 25 injured when a set of trams rushed downhill here today with brakes out of order and crashed into another tram at the foot of the hill.

It was the worst tram accident on record in the city.—Associated Press.

WHAT FOLLY IS THIS?

Mr. Ronald Mackay, Socialist MP for Reading North, in a speech last week urged the Government to carry the break-up of the British Empire still further. Speaking in his constituency he said: "Britain has no right to be in Hongkong and Malaya."

The following day the London Evening Standard editorialised on Mr. Mackay's speech, in which it said:

What mad folly is this! Disputes can always be started about the rights and wrongs of any international title deeds, whether they concern whole countries, ports or just a coronation stone. But on one point there can be no dispute: Britain has a far better right to rule in Hongkong and Malaya than the allies of the Soviet who are now working to gain their control.

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Leaves For Tokyo



Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, commander of British forces in Hongkong left this morning for Japan by BOAC to visit General MacArthur's Headquarters.

General Mansergh, who will later visit the British 27th and 20th Infantry Brigades in Korea will be away from Hongkong for about 10 days.

The Kashmir Question

Disagreement Narrowed Down

London, Jan. 15.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers here narrowed points of disagreement in the three-year-old dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir but agreement was not reached in their discussions here. It was announced tonight.

A communiqué issued from the British Prime Minister's Office tonight said, "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon had informal meetings with the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on the Kashmir problem.

The subject was discussed freely and frankly, suggestions were put forward for its solution and the points of disagreement were narrowed although agreement has not been reached.

"The other Prime Ministers, impressed with the need for an early settlement of the problem, hope that the suggestions which were made in the course of their talks will be given the fullest consideration by the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan."—Reuter.

CHINA EXPERT

That is why the main interest centres round the immediate future, of two men, Maj.-Gen. Bedell Smith, now Chief of the US Intelligence Service who flew in from Washington for the present Tokyo talks, and Maj.-Gen. Robert McClure who, on Sunday, was relieved of the command of the 2nd US Division now embroiled in the Wonju battle.

Gen. Bedell Smith was General Eisenhower's wartime Chief of Staff and later US Ambassador to Russia.

Gen. McClure is a veteran China expert who acted as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's now jealously nursing his 600,000 strong Chinese Nationalist Army locked up in Formosa by President Truman's "neutralisation" policy.

Observers here believe that both US generals are earmarked for new jobs—and they hint at the possible permission for the Nationalist Chinese intervention in Korea to meet the Chinese Red threat of massed manpower.

They believe that if the fighting in Korea is to go on for any length of time it is essential that the Chinese Nationalists should be brought in to balance the scales.

Generalissimo Chiang has repeatedly pressed his offer of sending some of his stalwart army into battle against their Red enemies in Korea. And now that permission may be forthcoming—with Gen. Bedell Smith or Gen. McClure or both playing major parts in the new United Nations strategy in the Far East.—London Express Service.

BOMBERS STRIKE

Fifth Air Force Headquarters, January 10.

Hundreds of enemy troops moving north from the Suwon area were killed or wounded yesterday by fighter bombers and light bombers of the Fifth Air Force, Major-General Eddie E. Partridge said. In a morning summary,

Pilots claimed that a total of about 1,000 enemy troops were

UN FORCES FIGHT BACK HARD

Electrified By Gen. Lawton Collins' Declaration Of Faith

(By SELKIRK PANTON)

Tokyo, Jan. 16.

British and other United Nations forces in Korea are tonight living up to the promise—"We will certainly stay and fight"—made by the US Chief of Staff, Gen. Lawton Collins, in Korea yesterday and are fighting back hard.

On the Western front United Nations forces are thrusting up along the road to Seoul and have recaptured Osan, left without a fight a week ago, against "scattered opposition."

The move northwards was made by strong patrols "in force" backed by tanks which felt their way forward to probe the Chinese and North Korean Red strength in this sector.

The weakness of opposition killed or wounded in yesterday's strikes, the majority of them being in the area north and south of Suwon where the heaviest force of the Fifth Air Force attack was delivered.

During the night B-26s of the Third Bomb Wing flew 35 sorties over enemy-held territory and spotted about 500 vehicles moving over the enemy's supply routes. Sweeping down between holes in an overcast, the night intruders attacked about 120 of these vehicles and observed that approximately 20 of them were damaged or destroyed. Vehicles hit in the vicinity of Wonju blew up with great explosions. The airfield at Wonju was hit.

Many of the enemy troops were attacked in the area east of Seoul. A train was attacked with unobserved results north of Seoul. Flames also swept one section of the Priss plant of La Plata.

The police arrested an undisclosed number of persons for questioning as a rumour of sabotage spread.

Swift's is the largest of the four foreign-owned packing houses in Argentina, and the principal supplier of meat for export.

The authorities gave no estimate of the damage except to say that it is in millions of pesos.

Five thousand tons of meat valued at 975,000 Pesos (£37,000) is reported a total loss and additional stock may have been damaged by smoke.

Swift officials said other sections of the plant are working on a limited basis and that slaughtering is proceeding as usual.

Police said three watchmen are being held for questioning.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS SEES DISPLAY

Malta, Jan. 15.

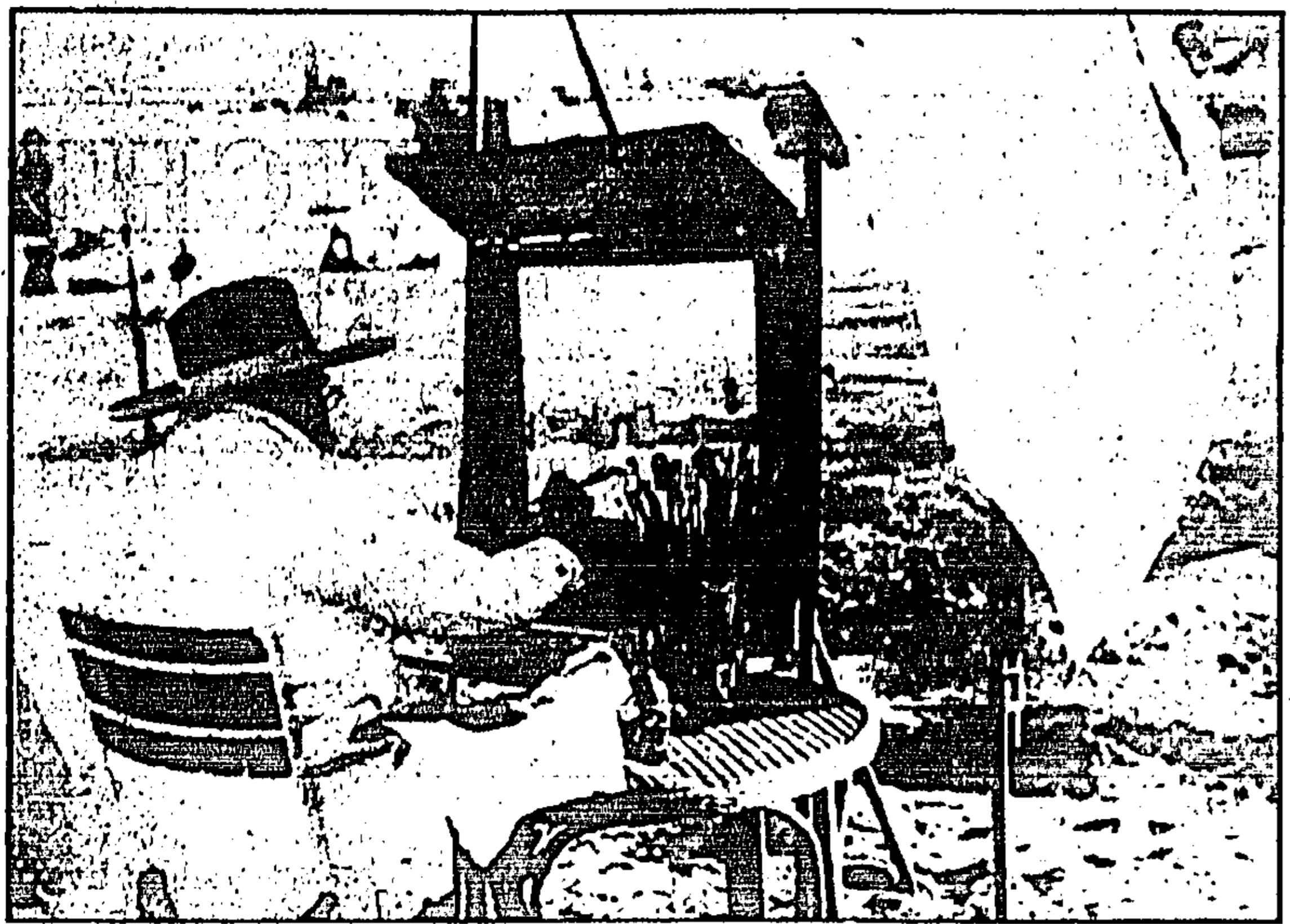
Princess Elizabeth this evening was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh when she boarded the cruiser Phoebe and watched a searchlight tattoo by the ship's officers and men.

The Phoebe is leaving Malta in mid-February and is recommissioning at Chatham.—Associated Press.



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Winston Painting
In The Sun

Contrast from the wintry conditions now existing in European countries is provided by this picture showing Winston Churchill painting near Marrakesh, North Africa. Mr Churchill sits in the shade of an umbrella and wears a white coat and wide-brimmed hat.—AP Picture.

Pershing Tanks Sent To Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 15. Twenty-two of America's heaviest operational tanks—the 45-ton Pershing—arrived here today to strengthen the United States garrison in Berlin.

To day's American armoured reinforcements bring the total Allied strength in West Berlin to an estimated 34 medium and heavy tanks, about 16 other light armoured vehicles, and between 12,000 and 15,000 troops.

The East German people's police are estimated by the Allies at between 50,000 and 70,000 picked men.—Reuter.

G.B.S. Legacy To Secretary

London, Jan. 15. George Bernard Shaw left an income of £500 a year for life to his secretary, Miss Blanche Patch. She disclosed this today at a news conference on her book "Thirty Years with G.B.S."

Miss Patch was also offered Shaw's house at Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, where he died last November, but she declined as she did not like the place—"it was much too cold."

The last thing that Shaw wrote was his signature on two pages of his income tax return when he was ill. Miss Patch had to hold his wrist as he signed. "They were the worst signatures of his that I have ever seen but apparently they satisfied the Inspector of Taxes," she declared.

Senator Accuses President Of Abuse Of Power

New York, Jan. 15. "We cannot possibly rely on the United Nations as a weapon against Russian aggression," declared Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio) in an address before the Ohio Society tonight.

"The people of this country face today a constitutional crisis affecting the whole basis of government in the United States and the liberty of the people themselves."

Senator Taft alleged that President Truman undertook a war in Korea "without legal authority and in direct violation of the statute which specified that Congress must pass on troops to be furnished the United Nations under the Charter."

"Our danger has been made crystal clear by the results of the abuse of powers of the President in recent years," he continued, adding that Congress must "reassess its constitutional right to pass upon fundamental principles of foreign policy."

In the course of his speech, Senator Taft said:

"The encirclement plan is the most complete surrender to which the United States has ever agreed. Of course, it encourages aggression and it is only a question of time before the Communist armies released by the ceasefire in Korea and the hamstringing of Chiang's army will march on down into Indo-China and Southeast Asia."

PRESIDENT'S CLAIM. "The effect of the President's claim that he can agree with foreign nations to commit American soldiers to an international force in any number and any place in the world

THREATENING COMMUNIST DRIVE Forces Reach To Within 50 Miles Of U.N. Headquarters Infiltration By-Passes Wonju Perimeter

Communist forces, driving down from the snow-covered hills of Central Korea, reached to within 50 miles of Taegu, the United Nations Headquarters in the South-East, today.

They attacked or threatened at least three points on the main supply road to the defence area south of Wonju.

BRITAIN'S ALL-OUT DEFENCE DRIVE

London, Jan. 15.

Britain's top defence planners satisfied General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Atlantic Pact Army, today that before the end of this year he will have behind him a Britain stronger than ever before in peacetime.

Military Chiefs of Staff told the General these things:

(1) Britain's arms will, over the next three years, be boosted to nearly £5,000 million in place of the £3,600 million programme previously planned.

(2) Armament orders amounting to £450,000,000 have already been placed, and industry is being geared up to a near wartime production effort.

(3) Already, 500,000 workers are engaged in arms production and by the end of March this figure will be up to 750,000.

(4) A scheme is on paper for an experimental call up of over 100,000 Z-class reserves, veterans of World War II who will be put under canvas for three months' training.

(5) The production of tanks and planes will be doubled and four new army divisions organised in the next year or so.

(6) Britain will probably station four army divisions instead of three in Germany under the Atlantic Pact organisation.

(7) Britain and the Commonwealth countries have agreed on a rough blue-print for the defence of the Middle East which, with the Eastern Mediterranean, will form one of General Eisenhower's three Atlantic Pact zones. The others are Scandinavia and Western Europe.

The new rearment plan has still to be passed by the Cabinet.

The austerity it will bring to British homes will be a formidable political problem for the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and his Ministers.—Reuter.

Republican's Attack Over Hongkong

Washington, Jan. 15.

Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat) in a senate speech today said that the United States armed forces should be increased to 60,000 men by next December 1 to prepare for any sudden Communist attack upon the West.

Earlier, Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican) had told the Senate that he strongly felt that Britain "must decide whether to cleave to the cause of freedom or the cause of tyranny and aggression".

"The conscience and judgment to the British people must be focused on the high issues involved in Britain's possession and use of the island of Hongkong. The public opinion of the world must be focused upon and support pressure from conscientious and intelligent citizens of Britain on their irresolute government. This issue must be so sharply drawn that her government shall have no alternative but to serve its own interests and the interests of its people by sacrificing the paltry millions or billions of Hongkong trade to the great purpose of maintaining a free world."—United Press.

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O 3803 THE GIRL THAT I MARRY MAM'SELLE	Dick Haymes
O 3773 MY DEFENCES ARE DOWN THE GIRL THAT I MARRY	Ray Middleton & Chorus
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Greek Squadron Active

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Greek pilots flew Dakota transports carrying supplies, ammunition and troops to Korea today.

The Greek squadron with the United Nations forces in Korea includes seven Dakotas and is commanded by Major John Katsikas and Major Andreas Goreniki, both of Athens. It arrived on Dec. 1 and began operations within a week.—Reuter.

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The Chinese Communist and North Korean forces had apparently called off their frontal onslaught against the United States 2nd Division and the French and Dutch troops holding their unbending line below the city, and had gone back to their familiar tactics of infiltration.

A 2nd Division spokesman admitted that behind the lines activity remained "obscure."

It was clear, he said, that the Chinese Communists, thwarted in their head-on assault to cut through the Eighth Army's escape route to the south, had sent formations over the hills to join the waiting guerrillas swooping at the roots of the United Nations' main defences.

A naval communiqué today hinted at a bloody battle at Choksongnai, 15 miles south of the 37th Parallel and 45 miles southeast of Wonju.

Naval planes broke the siege of the town, enabling a rescue convoy to get through while helicopters flew out the wounded, it said.

United Nations reconnaissance patrols on the Western front re-entered Osan, 30 miles below Seoul, the South Korean capital, in the face of scattered armoured units, patrolling in force "to give and maintain contact with the enemy" on the western front, clashed with about 800 Communist troops at Kumyang today, it was officially stated.

The eastern sector remained relatively quiet.

The South Korean Naval Headquarters claimed today that 20,000 South Korean guerrillas, backed by naval gunfire, were intensifying their activity in the Haengju area, just above the 38th Parallel on the west coast.

Communist attempts to take Yonome Island, 2 miles southeast of Haeju, had been repulsed with the loss of 600 troops.

A refugee woman interrogated today said that as a result of the United Nations bombing, only one big building now remains standing in Wonju.—Reuter.

Talks will be held with Japanese leaders as well as with General MacArthur.

When the mission was announced a State Department spokesman said that the party would not be negotiating with the Japanese Government in the drafting of a treaty. It was desired to find out what the Japanese people had in mind.

The dispatch said that by nightfall teams composed of tanks and infantry had advanced up to 12 miles northward towards Seoul.—Reuter.

The United States Defence Department said today that the United States 2nd Division in Korea "is not in any danger whatever of being cut off and destroyed."

A spokesman at the Department's briefing made this comment on suggestions that encircling movements by the Communists had placed the Division in serious danger.

He said that the Division "is doing a hell of a job" in denying the Communists the use of the vital road junction near Wonju.—Reuter.

Aborigines Go On Strike

Sydney, Jan. 15. A despatch today said that all Australian aborigines in the Darwin area of the remote Northwest Australian coast had struck for a basic wage of 27 per week.

Aborigines now receive £2 a week when employed by the Government, in addition to their board and lodgings, tobacco, transport and money for movie shows. In private employment, natives receive £1 per week in addition to other benefits.

They now demand that they be given a full wage which they can spend as they like.—United Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



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HUGE U.S. MILITARY BUDGET

Washington, Jan. 15. More than 50 percent of the tax dollars the American public will pay during the 1952 financial year will be spent on military service. Individual taxes will provide over 30 percent of the budget dollars.

Taking \$1 as the gauging unit, this is where the budget dollar is to come from:

Individual taxes 35 cents; corporation taxes 27 cents; excise (sales) taxes 11 cents; customs and other levies four cents; proposed new taxes 23 cents. Total \$1.

Again, with the dollar as the calculating unit, this is how the Americans' tax dollars will be spent:

Military service 58 cents; foreign programmes 10 cents; interest on United States debts 0 cents; veterans' benefits 7 cents; all other expenses 17 cents. Total \$1.

A budget of US\$11,594 million was submitted to Congress by President Truman yesterday. This calls for an expenditure of US\$41,421 million to build up America's armed strength and US\$7,112 million to build up the armed strength of her Allies.—Reuter.

Portuguese Ship Sends Out S.O.S.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 15. The 334 ton Portuguese motor ship Nereus today sent out an S.O.S. saying that she had steering trouble in a storm in mid-Atlantic.

She was bound from Lisbon for St. John's and gave her position as about 1,200 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Transport department officials said that they were trying to send help.—Reuter.

No Explanation For McClure's "Relief"

Washington, Jan. 15. A United States Defence Department spokesman said today that General J. Lawton Collins, the Army Chief of Staff, went to Tokyo to find out how the Korean war was progressing.

Officials said they had no explanation to offer for the relief of Major-General Robert McClure as the Commander of the Second Division.

A spokesman said that it was most unlikely that General McClure had been relieved holding their discussions in Tokyo with General MacArthur's staff have aroused extraordinary interest in Washington.

Today's official announcements have not entirely silenced speculation that Chinese Nationalist troops might be used in Korea or that a further withdrawal, or a possible total evacuation of Korea, was being considered.

Other speculation was that a shake-up of General MacArthur's Intelligence staff, often criticised for alleged incompetence and inaccuracy, was about to begin.—Reuter.

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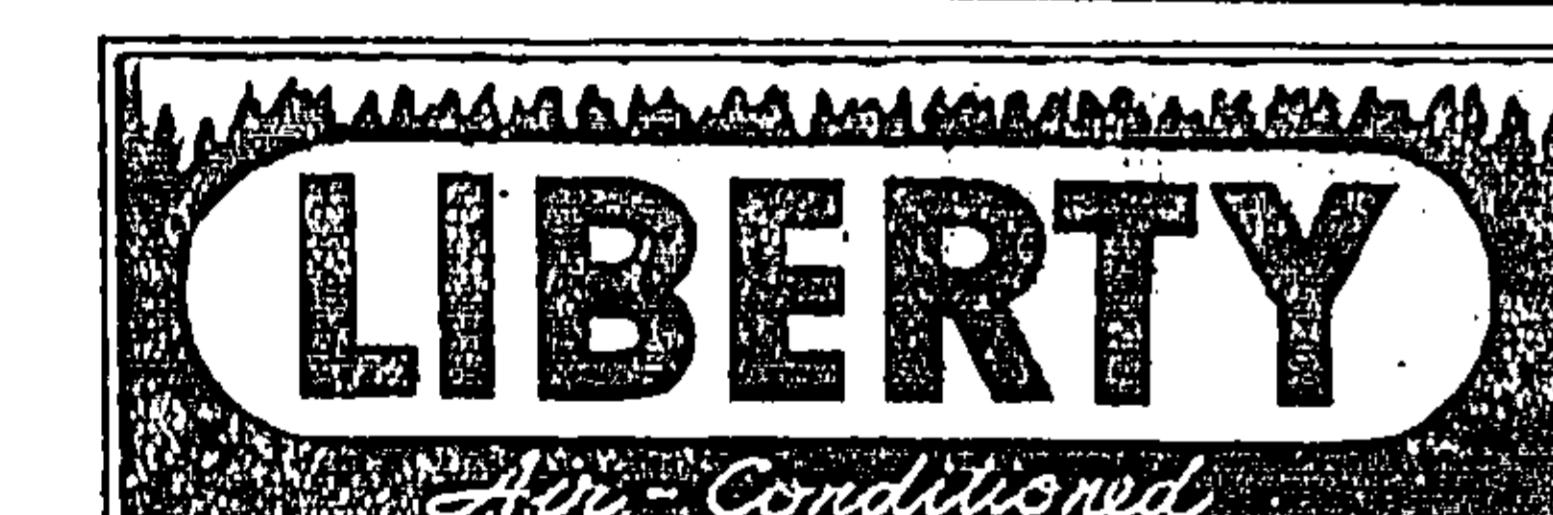


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NEXT CHANGE: "EAGLE AND THE HAWK"

Argyll "Terrier" Crack Shot Was Sing Sing Padre

Scots-born Pastor James Ingles, once a crack shot in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is back in his native Dunoon from America after spending 30 years tending to the spiritual needs of some of the toughest murderers, gangsters and racketeers in the United States.

After 30 years as chaplain in the notorious Sing Sing Prison, Pastor Ingles is at his Scottish home preparing for the publication of his book on his experiences in the famous prison, and at week-ends he is preaching from various pulpits throughout Scotland.

Later he intends to join—at 75—his daughter in Africa, where she is a missionary and trying to build a high school. He will be more than useful to her, for he ran his father's Dunoon joinery business before he was ordained.

At Dunoon in his youth, James Ingles joined the local Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Territorial battalion and became their crack rifle shot. Once when he won eight firsts in competition, the O.C. hinted that it would be the "decent thing" if Ingles accepted only six of the prizes, which he did. Later he began preaching in local churches at week-ends, and finally was ordained a Pastor.

HARD LIFE

Landing in New York with his wife and children some years before the 1914 war, the young Pastor found life pretty hard-going, and at first had to make ends meet by working as a carpenter. He eventually established a business in the town where the Sing Sing Prison is situated, but later gave it up to establish two church congregations on different parts of Long Island.

Came the first World War, and Pastor Ingles was appointed Baptist Chaplain to the penitentiary. Here he saw at close range many of the toughest and worst criminals in America, but with most of them this humane Pastor with the broad Scots accent was popular and esteemed during the 30 years that he ministered to their spiritual needs.

Pastor Ingles' wife died in 1937. Now, with his family grown up, he plans a short "retirement" before travelling once again.

DR. STOPES GIVES A BIT OF ADVICE

Dr. Marie Stopes, the birth control writer, gave her audience at the Imperial College of Science the other day some forceful advice about home heating.

"Wicked nonsense" she calls the modern prejudice against open coal fires, and adds with vigour: "They are essential to the family health—but don't use an open fire for cooking."

Dr Stopes spoke as a geologist, on the fossilising of coal. Before she went to the lecture from her home at Dorking, she called at her clinic in Westminster. She is president of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress.

But the work she now regards as most important is her poetry. She has published four volumes of poems. "People say they dislike obscure modern poetry, but mine is all clear and readable," she says.

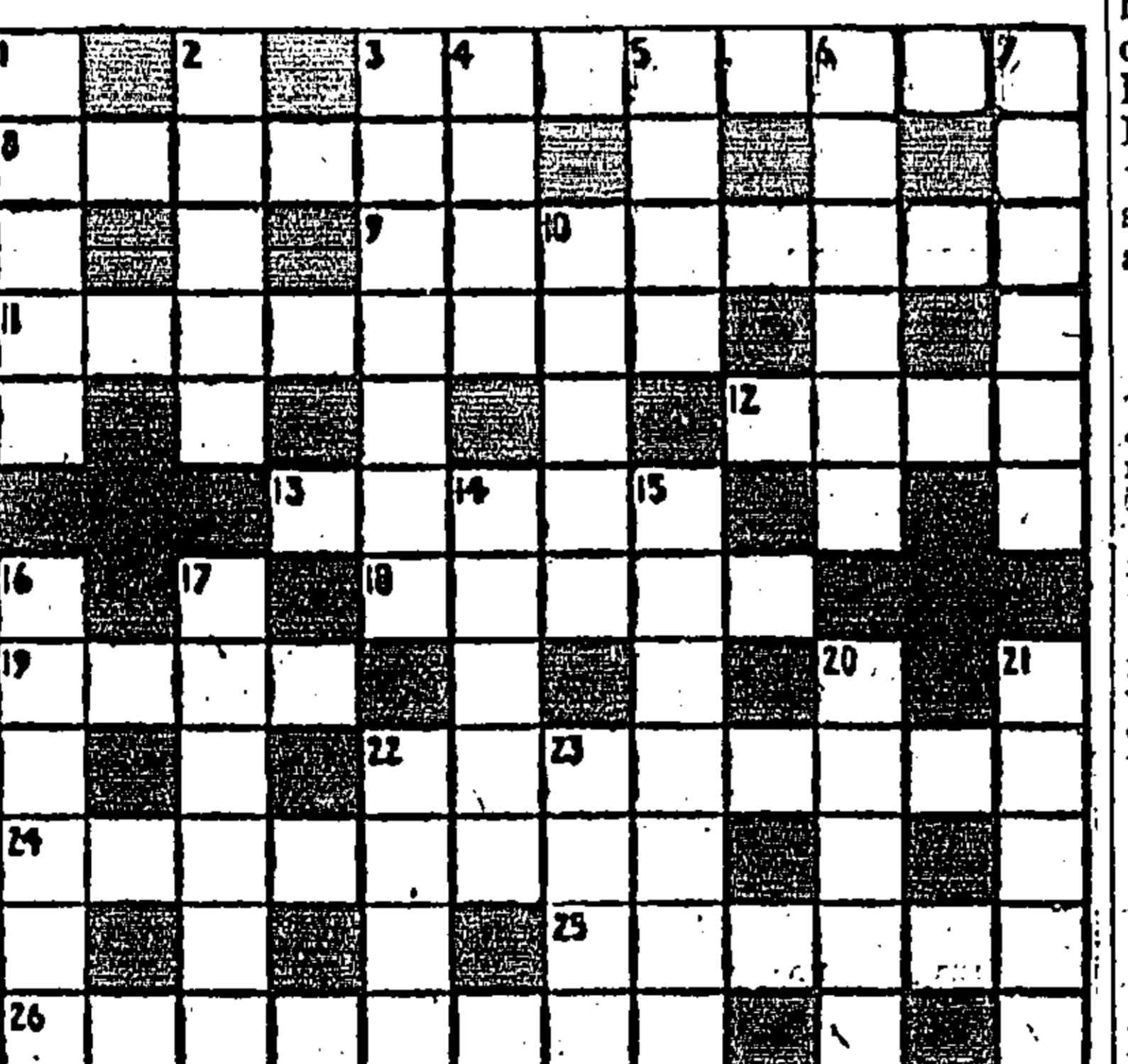
COAL RESEARCH

At Dorking Dr Stopes has a laboratory where she conducts research on coal. At least once a week she visits her London clinic. Says she: "I am an equilateral triangle; I don't divide my time, I just work as I am inspired to do so in my three spheres."

Dr Stopes' husband, Mr Humphrey Verdon Roe, died last year, aged 71. Their son is a physics student at Cambridge.

How old is Dr Stopes? She does not tell. Someone put her at nearly 70. But if you ask her she smiles and says, "I am 26."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Continuously equidistant
- 8 Plaid
- 9 Harmful
- 11 Soft drink
- 12 Lake
- 13 Exclude
- 18 Slacken
- 19 Sign
- 22 Get down
- 24 Sham
- 25 Supplementary building
- 26 Combative
- 1 Vestment
- 2 Muscular contraction
- 3 Rope
- 4 Foreign coin
- 5 Culmination
- 6 Servant
- 7 Calmed
- 10 Perfect
- 14 Originate
- 15 Clothing
- 16 Gun
- 17 Disclose
- 20 Mediated
- 21 Harden
- 22 Clever
- 23 Scrutinise

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 3 Parasite, 7 Lower, 8 Oak-apple, 10 Asylum, 13 Residuum, 15 Sloe, 17 Lantern, 18 Soccers, 20 Iron, 21 Tirades, 23 Nature, 27 Theology, 28 Over, 29 Rotation, Down: 1 Clear, 2 Swains, 3 Proud, 4 Away, 5 Impale, 6 Eleven, 9 Amulet, 11 Sever, 12 Liken, 14 Easing, 15 Stoat, 16 Order, 18 Sitter, 19 Covert, 22 Rayon, 23 Duped, 24 Sects, 25 Glut.

FERD'NAND



Shack-led

Flying To Duty



Commander Frank N. Virgilio, senior medical officer aboard the USS Manchester, receives a helping hand while being hoisted into a helicopter going on a mission of mercy off Korea. A seaman on a nearby aircraft carrier was injured by a propeller and only Commander Virgilio's prompt arrival saved his life. (Acme)

More Gadgets For Young Britain

Young Britain has never had more fascinating gadgets to play with than at this year's Schoolboy's Own Exhibition, held as usual in London in the first fortnight of the New Year.

Many of them were displayed by the three Fighting Services and Government departments, and the lads could—and did—in their thousands—drive a cutter into an imitation coal face, sit in the cockpit of a 600 mph jet fighter, dress up in naval minelaying equipment, search with detectors for land-mines buried in sand, command model tanks by distant control in a mock battle, put bends in the beam of a searchlight, or make holes in the fuselage of a Royal Air Force spitfire so that airmen could demonstrate how quickly repairs are made.

The Ministry of Supply showed some of their apprentices actually at work on industrial research and development, and a test rocket similar to the one recently tested at their headquarters, REME a model of a beach landing, and the Ministry of Food invited all comers to "please help yourself"—if you can" to a varied display of sweets which disappeared as soon as a hand was stretched towards it.

MOST POPULAR
The miniature Army battlefield, 20 feet long, representing a countryside scarred by war, was made by a branch of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, which prepares all the model battlefields for the CIGS' top-level conferences.

The lads were invited to compete against each other in capturing key positions by manoeuvring four tanks along roads, round haystacks, craters, and over shattered railway lines and bridges.

But the most popular stand remained, as ever, that of the British Railways' electrically-controlled passenger and goods trains treading round 500 feet of model permanent way, fathers being perhaps the most prominent in the six-deep crowds which watched the demonstrations day after day.

The railways' most serious competitor was not in the exhibition at all. It was a

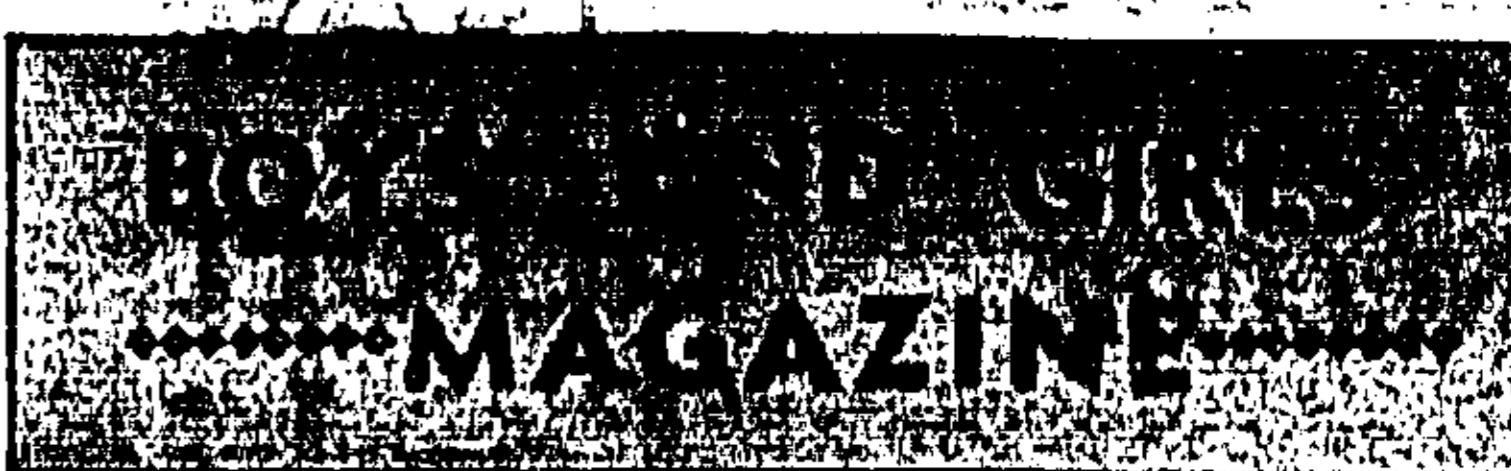
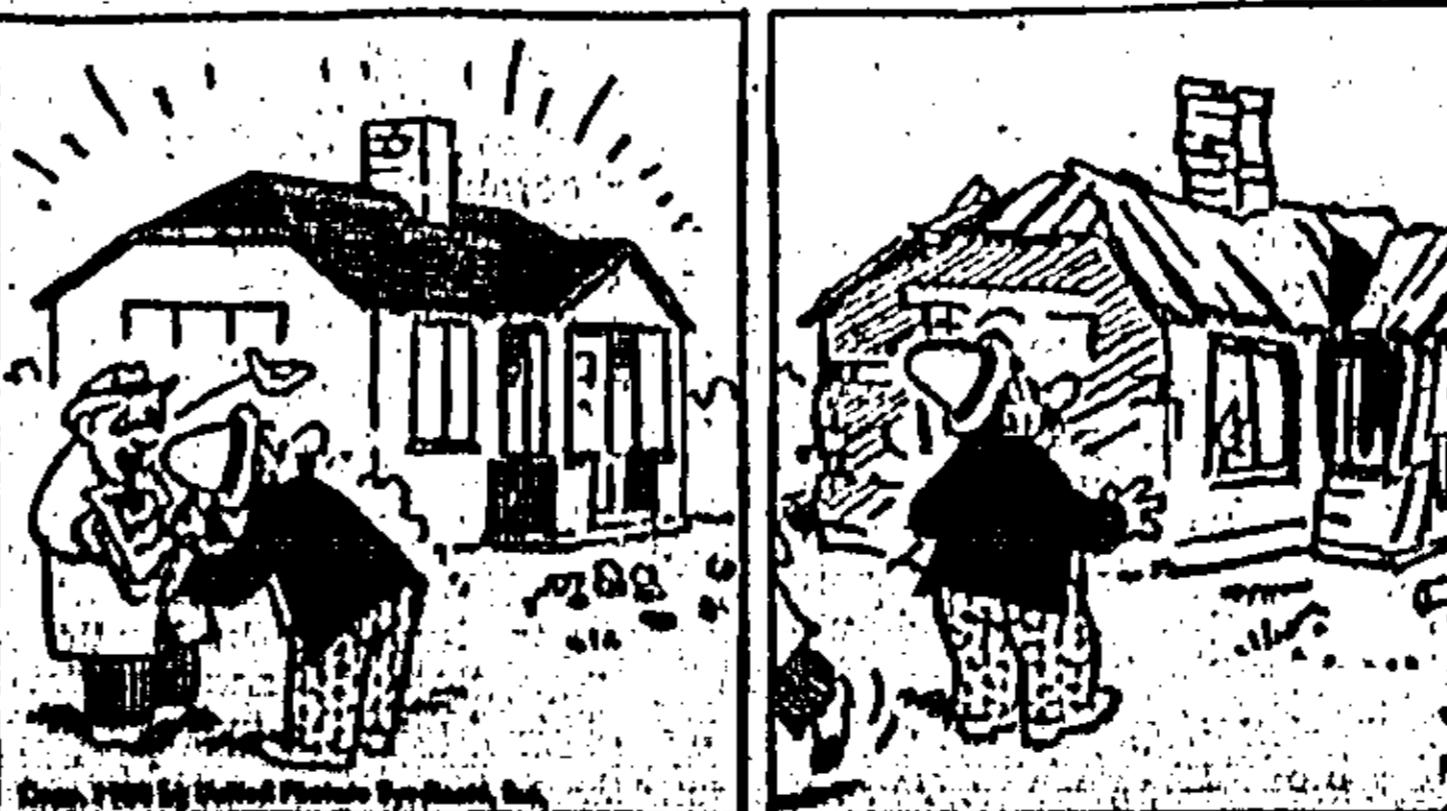
So when asked Sir William Haley, Director General of the BBC, for guidance, this is the usual practice when producers and programme heads have doubts.

RIGHT TO OBJECT

Sir William replied that on religious grounds some listeners would have the right to object to such jokes. In any case he did not consider it a particularly amusing subject for comic references.

This confirmed Standing and the others in their own views. So there will be no jokes about the Stone.

By Mik



The Shadows Pay a Visit

—They Decided Jack Scarecrow Must Be Lonely—

By MAX TRELL

"YOU know, Knarf," Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, was saying to her brother, "I just thought of someone whom we haven't visited for a long time. I don't suppose anyone has remembered him at all. And, oh, how lonely he must be, poor fellow!"

Knarf said: "Who?"

"Jack Scarecrow," said Hanid. "All summer long he stood out in the middle of the cornfield. He saw everyone. He had hundreds of friends. Even the crows, whom he was supposed to scare away, didn't really dislike him. They used to sit on the fence rail and make strange noises at him. He never said a word to them, of course. But I'm sure he didn't mind their sitting on the fence rail and keeping him company."

"And doesn't Jack see anyone now?"

Hanid shook her head. "I'm quite sure he doesn't. As soon as the weather began getting cold—and there was no more corn in the cornfield for Jack to watch over—Father took him and put him in the barn. Who is there for him to see in the barn?"

"We—came over to cheer you up," added Knarf. "But you don't seem to need any cheering!"

"Indeed I don't!" Jack said. "I was lonely for awhile. But then I found all these other lonely folks. So now none of us is lonely any more."

By this time all the crickets and grasshoppers and beetles and all the bugs had come crowding around Knarf and Hanid. "Join the dance!" they all shouted.

In the Barn

Having decided that Jack Scarecrow was very lonely sitting all by himself in the big barn, Knarf and Hanid put on their hats and coats (for a cold wind was blowing), and walked across the empty garden to pay him a visit.

Imagine their surprise, on getting near the barn, to hear the sounds of music and loud laughter. "This is a wonderful party, Jack! Oh, what fun it is!" a dozen voices were shouting.

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other, then hurriedly opened the door of the barn and let themselves in.

What a sight they saw!

Jack was sitting on a bale of hay blowing with all his might on a long hollow stem which he had made into a sort of flute. And on the barn floor a great crowd of crickets and grasshoppers and beetles and bugs of all sizes and colours were all dancing a square-dance!

A Daddy-Long-Legs in a black coat was calling out the turns. "Change partners! Round and round there! Take hands and march two by two!"

Suddenly Jack spied Knarf and Hanid. He stopped playing his flute. He looked at them, rose to his feet and shuffled over to them, smiling.

"Hero we go with another dance!"

And he started playing again.

A Good Time

"Come on, dance with us," Jack urged them. He whispered: "Everyone will be disappointed if you don't. They'll think you don't like the idea of having such a good time in the barn."

So Jack went back to his bale of hay, put the flute to his mouth again and started blowing another lively tune. Instantly Daddy-Long-Legs began calling the turns again. In a moment the whole barn-floor was awhirl with merry dancers.

Hanid danced with Knarf at first. But soon she was dancing with crickets and grasshoppers, and Knarf was swinging around with beetles and bugs!

"Yes," Jack said when the dance was finally over, "there was no use all of us sleeping all winter in this draughty old barn. It's much more fun dancing. And why should any of us be lonely, when all of us have each other? Ready?" he shouted to all his friends.

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"Welcome, welcome, Knarf and

Hanid!"

"Rupert's Autumn Primrose—25



Rupert is surprised at what Mary Quite-Contrary has said. "But what's the matter with your garden?" he asks. "I think it's wonderful. People told me that I couldn't find primroses in autumn, but you've got some lovely beds of them." "That's what I mean," cries Mary. "Something's gone wrong with my poor garden. Spring flowers and summer flowers and autumn flowers are all out at once. The spring flowers mustn't keep coming out all through the year or they'll be sure to die, and I don't want to lose them."

She stops suddenly as another figure appears and a stately old gentleman approaches slowly.

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SIDE GLANCES



"He does, too, understand French! He just doesn't understand your punk high school, French!"

A SYMPHONY

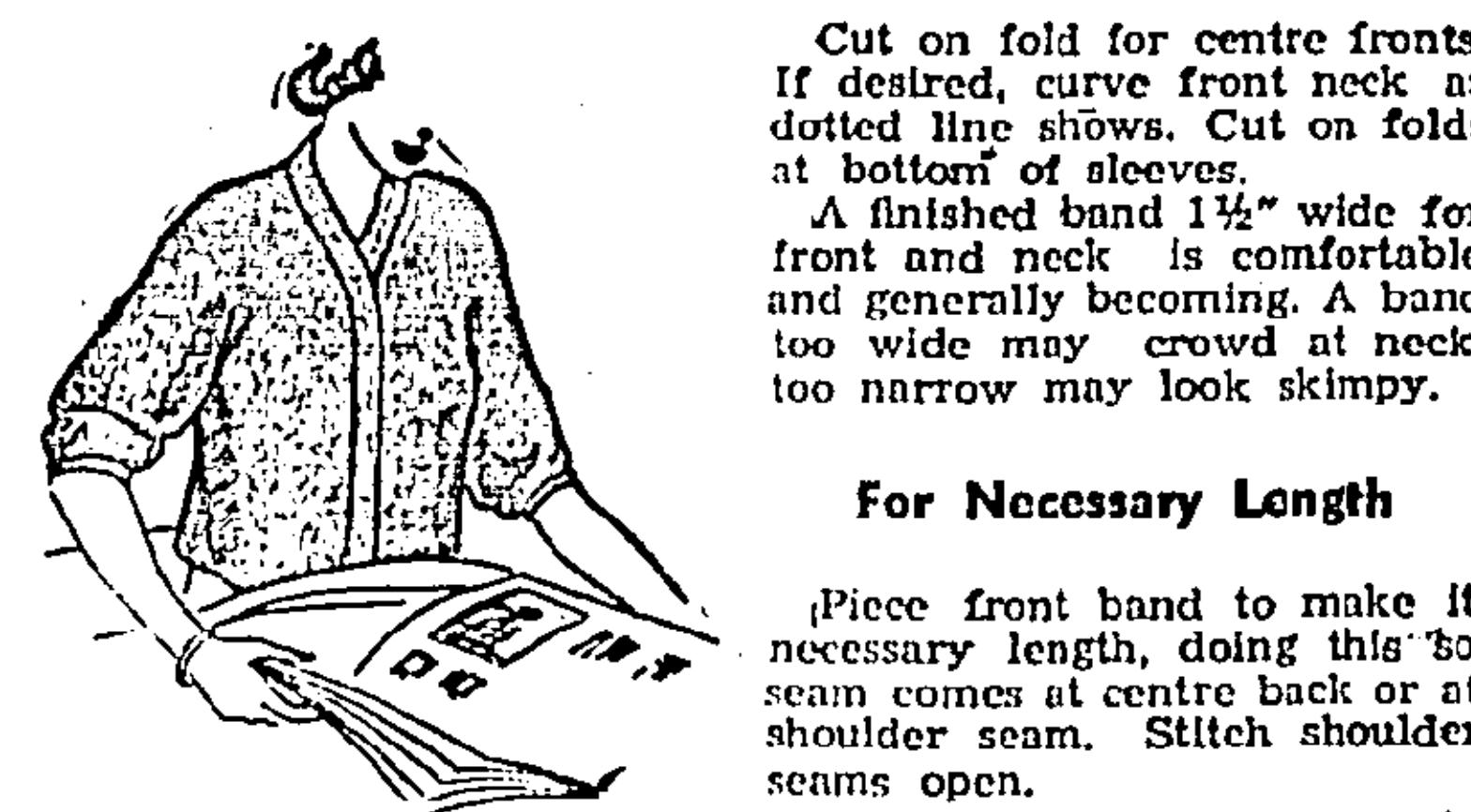


Emilio Schuberth, Rome Fashion Designer, here presents two of his winter creations. Model Lalla (left) wears an evening gown with a bodice of black velvet with silver embroidery and flowers of ermine silver sewed on. The gown is of heavy white faille.

Model Matilda (right) wears an evening dress with the bodice of heavy satin with hand embroidery on silver. The gown is of black heavy faille. Schuberth calls the creations "Symphony in White and Black."



Warm Pastel Jersey Bed Jacket



Cut on fold for centre fronts. If desired, curve front neck as dotted line shows. Cut on folds at bottom of sleeves.

A finished band $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide for front and neck is comfortable and generally becoming. A band too wide may crowd at neck, too narrow may look skimpy.

For Necessary Length

Piece front band to make it necessary length, doing this so seam comes at centre back or at shoulder seam. Stitch shoulder seams open.

Apply right side of band to right side of jacket. Stitch, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Apply right side of sleeve band to right side of sleeve and stitch, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Stitch underarms, stitching straight through sleeve bands. Press seams open.

Turn raw edge of band back over seam at bottom of sleeve and hem, putting in a $\frac{1}{4}$ " bottom hem. Turn front band to wrong side and hem edge down.

Marking Directions

To chalk out: A is at centre or half-way point on fold. B is 1" to right, C is directly opposite A and D $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to left.

Chalk a line B to D, E is 1/8 neck plus $\frac{1}{4}$ " above B and F $\frac{1}{4}$ neck to left of B. G is 1/8 neck plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " below D. H is $\frac{1}{2}$ armhole plus 2" to left of A.

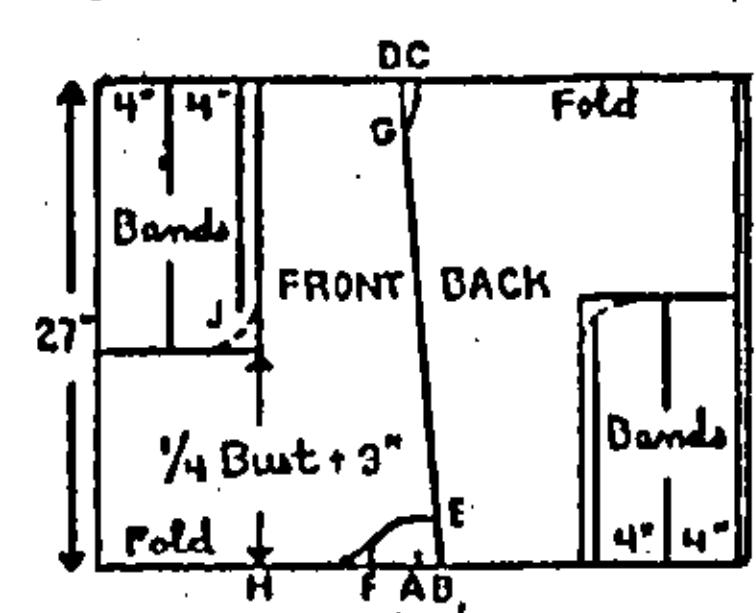
Draw a straight line up from H to fold on opposite side. I is $\frac{1}{4}$ bust plus 3" above H on this line. Mark curve at underarm as at J.

Cut on shoulder line from B to D. Cut sleeve and underarm, cutting on dotted line; cut from neck, curve F to E.

Lines and Folds Matching

Lay front over back, shoulder lines and folds matching. Cut back underarm same as front. Cut back neck G to C.

Material cut out at underarms provides the $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide strips for centre front, around the neck, and bottom of sleeves.



PARIS SHOWS THE TUNIC SILHOUETTE FOR EVENING GAIETIES

Paris. Evening gowns for festive gaities score in a midseason group of about 20 models at Faou, which keep their usual pretty, wearable character although, including several gowns of striking individuality. The prettiest is done in white faille with the skirt in minaret, spiraling. Tiers verging into a point at the side of the hem and also at the waistline where huge red dahlia are posed a transparent yoke, often combining fabrics as velvet with gown called "December 24th." silk organza or brocade with a skirt of midnight blue satin with net.

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These dresses are mostly simple in line, relying on fine delicate workmanship for appeal as in a black silk organza dress covered by wavy strings of black velvet in graduated widths. There are also a couple of late bodices, so delicately seamed that the seams appear to be part of lace pattern.

The belted tunic-silhouette gets play here both as a top over a dress or in the dress itself, but the foundation is always narrow. Other slim dresses have a loose panel or a

drap at the side to soften the line. One straight coat has buckles given by flaring tiers all the way up. Black scores here as at midseason showings, often brightened by rhinestones embroidery for, after five o'clock fashions and sometimes contrasted with white fox or ermine. Pumpkin shade is used for a town coat. There are a couple of grey dresses. A slim, floor-length gown, long-sleeved and peplumed, is in mauve woolen.

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THIS IS WHAT THE BUTLER BOUGHT

By RONALD GARTH-DAVIS

JUST over a hundred years ago, a young Mayfair butler strolled to the Bank of England once a month and banked his tips. Closeted backstairs with his prudent housekeeper wife he often talked over his plans for buying a hotel. The butler's name was Claridge.

He dreamed of a quiet but elegant establishment where the highest in the land could be housed in fitting style. Today, little remains of the young butler's odyssey except his goodwill and a couple of his diaries found in an old tin box in a cellar during demolitions. Yet—in the eyes of celebrities all over the world—his prestige goes marching on.

Claridge's is still the only hotel on the globe where kings and queens, maharajahs and movie stars almost tumble over one another in the foyer. It is the only hotel ever ranking as an official residence of the King and Queen of Denmark and King Haakon of Norway.

Only Setting

When Winston Churchill left No. 10, Downing Street, he stayed overnight at Claridge's and entertained his entire ex-Cabinet to dinner. When Queen Juliana wished to stage a return banquet for our own King and Queen, Claridge's was the only possible setting.

As it happened, Queen Juliana shipped over her own gold and silver plate from Holland, her own respect. Some of the Sevres china and 3,000 frozen roses, but Claridge's could have obliged. After safe.

Fifty Rooms

At the time of Princess Elizabeth's wedding, the hotel actually housed five queens, two kings and at least one pretender, the Infante Don Juan of Spain. Ever since Queen Victoria boarded her guests there, four generations of royalty have used it as an annexe to Buckingham Palace. In fact, the royalties' personal visiting books are kept on a special table just inside the entrance—a gilt-edged volume for King Peter of Yugoslavia, one in royal blue leather for Queen Ena of Spain, separate books bound in blue and in claret for the King and Queen of Romania.

Through the swing doors flow a constant stream of diplomats anxious to sign their names as a mark of respect. Some of the Sevres china and 3,000 frozen roses, but Claridge's could have obliged. After safe.

Pranks are rare, for the hotel management is politely regretful to the vulgar and ostentatious. A daring confidence trickster who ran up a bill of £98 not long ago was brought to book before he could run. Even some of the best-known Hollywood stars have likened Claridge's to the proverbial eye of the needle. Gloria Swanson, Paulette Goddard and Orson Welles, however, are Claridge habitués.

The Maharajah

Yet sometimes the boot is on the other foot. A young English Army officer badly wanted to spend New Year's Eve dining and dancing at Claridge's. For a week he vainly tried to book a table by telephone. Eventually he rang up and successfully booked a table as the Maharajah of Peshawar.

In a turban made of a silk bedspread, with his mother clad in sari as the dowager Maharanee, and with one or two friends, he duly enjoyed his evening. Perhaps the crucial moment came when he paid his bill. Suavely the head-waiter received it, "277.2. Received with thanks from the Maharajah of Peshawar." As a matter of fact, the management had already discovered that there was no such person. But, from the page boys up, Claridge's is the soul of discretion.

On another occasion Londoners rubbed their eyes at the sight of a white flag, with two sleeve-like streamers, flying from the hotel flagstaff. To avoid confusion and rivalry, royal guests seldom fly their personal standards. What monarch could possibly show a white flag? Just as the polite telephone calls of inquiry began, a skylarking wedding guest confessed he had hoisted a dress shirt.

THE lament of the author of Ecclesiastes that riches came not to men of understanding is not quite so tragically true as it used to be. Perhaps "riches" is a rather disputable word; but it is certainly true that in the England of today men of understanding are under no necessity to beg their bread.

In other words, there exists the Arts Council of Great Britain which is willing to give enlightened support to enterprises of drama, music and the other arts which sincerely contribute to the nation's general culture.

The Arts Council's fifth annual report tells us that the grant from the Exchequer for 1949-50 was £575,000, the same as for the previous year, and gives details of the various enterprises which the Arts Council aids.

In the course of the year a supplementary grant in aid of £25,000 was voted to the Council to buy properties at the Royal Opera House,

Covent Garden, London, including the library. Apart from this, the actual grant to the Royal Opera House for running expenses was £145,000.

The audiences at the Royal Opera House were considerably larger than in the previous year and reached an average of 85 percent for opera and 94 percent for ballet. There are in all seven opera and ballet companies performing in London which are associated with the Arts Council.

The Council controls the Theatre Royal at Bristol and the Arts Theatre at Salisbury, while theatres at Cambridge, Glasgow and Kidderminster are "in association" with the Council. There are 25 theatre companies in Britain associated with the Arts Council, including the Old Vic companies in London and Bristol, and a number of West End commercial managements.

The Council also sponsors art exhibitions and joins with municipal authorities in establishing the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the main English provincial orchestras. Provincial music clubs and societies also benefit from the Arts Council and the Council itself provides nearly 400 concerts a year in smaller places in the United Kingdom, as well as sending acting companies to theatrefree towns and villages.

There have probably been few men of letters about whom critics have disagreed so violently as James Boswell who wrote the "Life of Samuel Johnson," one of the greatest books in the English language. Most people are agreed that Boswell was an egregious little coxcomb, and certainly in all his writings he revealed himself as such; and in the great "Life" he is constantly at pains to show himself at a disadvantage in order to exalt and magnify the massive and overpowering hero of his book. Now did Boswell thus belittle himself unconsciously or was it the outcome of a piercing astuteness and an absolute genius for salesmanship?

That is the question critics have wrangled over for two centuries. Dr Johnson was no doubt a great man; but how much of his posthumous greatness does he owe to the fawning, sycophantic little person who trotted round beside him, carefully noting every word, gesture and characteristic which would go to form a great book and exalt Boswell's name as high as Johnson's? Would Johnson have been as great a man if it had not been for Boswell?

Now appears "Boswell's London Journal" (Harrington, 21 shillings) in which the young Scotsman describes with the most disarming frankness his life during his first two years in London (1762-3) a diary which ends after his first meeting with Dr Johnson. These papers were found sometime ago in houses in Scotland and Ireland and transferred to the United States whence they have recently been recovered. They show Boswell to be an expert distrist as well as an expert biographer; absolutely uncoffined, alarmingly confidential and acutely observant of the life of his times.



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NATASHA WAS A GOOD KOMSOMOL

By Cyril Ray

THE newspapers of Moscow devote an enviable amount of space to criticism, and the Evening Moscow gave two columns the other day to its review of a story by a young writer in the magazine "October." It singled out this story for praise because although "much seems familiar—the ordinary people of a steel mill and a familiar romantic situation"—nevertheless "you are seized by the vital and lively reality: the tense struggle of steel-men for a high quality of steel and their desire to do everything so that the Motherland may obtain it before time."

The hero of this story in the magazine "October" is Sergei, brigadier of a Komsomol (that is, a Soviet Youth) brigade in the steel mill, who "dreams of overtaking the output of the skilled worker Bugleyev" and who falls in love with a girl worker named Natasha "and was happy that they had such a pure and exciting love."

But one day the hero, Sergei, tripped over a piece of metal and "quickly threw the piece into the waste bin."

The girl worker Natasha, on duty at the Komsomol post,

sees this wasteful negligence, and "despite her relations with him, could not and did not cover up his misconduct. As an honest and principled Komsomol member she reports him to the Komsomol committee, and Sergei is put on trial before his comrades."

His comrades sentence him to be denounced in the factory newspaper of the steel mill as a squanderer of state property.

"Indeed, who could forgive brigadier Sergei his un-Komsomol behaviour? At a time when the factory was fighting for economy of raw material... he threw into the waste bin 18 kg. of ferrromanganese."

Sergei could not, indeed, forgive himself for this waste of state property, but "his false self-esteem and incorrect conception of social duty" force him to quarrel with the girl Natasha. All might well have been over between the two of them had it not been for "the tactful and attentive attitude of the Party organization of the steel mill, who helps Sergei to equal the smelting record of the famous worker Bugleyev—by so doing, to regain the love of the girl worker Natasha."

The story successfully conveys, says the critic in the Evening Moscow, "the atmosphere of heroic mill labour, its poetry, and the spiritual greatness and beauty of the Soviet people... they do everything to hasten our Communist tomorrow."

The Bureaux are part of a national voluntary service whose parent body is the National Council of Social Service. Apart from voluntary contributions, they are maintained largely by financial grants from local authorities, but in every case they remain independent of political or other bias.

Some of the Bureaux are situated in imposing town halls;

others in unpretentious, barely furnished halls in small country towns, but everywhere available is sympathetic advice.

Every Bureaux worker, through conferences arranged by the National Council of Social Service and through travelling officers, is kept supplied with the latest information on legislation and law as they affect the citizen, and with the citizen's rights. A special staff at London headquarters is always busy compiling clear précis on current topics which are sent to all Bureaux.

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By ERLE STANLEY GARDNER

THE CASE OF THE HOWLING DOG

(CHAPTER 13)

PERRY MASON looked at the clock, then arose, stretched, yawned, and sauntered into the chambers of Judge Markham.

The judge sat at his table reading the newspaper account, with eyes that held an expression of puzzled bewilderment.

"I don't like to bother you, Judge," said Perry Mason, "but notice that the time allotted for the recess is up. I am very anxious to conclude my examination of this witness prior to the evening adjournment. In fact, I think that it may well be possible that we can get the case disposed of today."

Judge Markham looked up at Perry Mason, his eyes glinting shrewdly.

"I am wondering," he said, "as to the purpose..." His voice trailed into silence.

"Yes," said Perry Mason.

"Just what were you wondering, Judge?" said Perry Mason. Judge Markham frowned.

"I don't know as I should discuss it," he said, "but I am wondering at the peculiar nature of the request you make that you be allowed to complete your cross-examination of the witness today."

Perry Mason walked back to courtroom. Almost immediately Judge Markham entered from his chambers. He pounded frantically for a few moments before his admonitions ceased.

The courtroom was in a dog roar of buzzing, excited commotion, scurrying motion.

At length, was restored. Jurors took their seats. Perry Mason slumped in his chair, apparently utterly unmoved by the startling events of just few minutes.

The Benton was on the stand for further cross-examination," said Judge Markham.

Claude Drumm got to his feet.

"Your honour," he said, "a most惊 and unexpected development has taken place. In view of the circumstances, I know at your Honour will not require me to mention the nature of that development, at least in the presence of the jury. I feel that as an officer of State, as a deputy prosecutor who is familiar with the law of this case, my presence urgently required elsewhere, I request an adjournment of this case until tomorrow morning."

Judge Markham looked over his glasses at Perry Mason.

"Any objection, Counsel?" he asked.

"Yes," said Perry Mason, getting to his feet. "The rights of the defendant demand that the cross-examination of this witness be concluded at this session of the Court. I mentioned this matter before I started the cross-examination, and that was the specific understanding which had with counsel."

"That is correct," said Judge Markham. "The request for a continuance will be denied."

Perry Mason stood at Thelma Benton for a moment with a long steady stare of accusation.

She lowered her eyes and fidgeted on the witness stand. Her face was as white as the wall in back of her.

"Now," said Perry Mason slowly, "I understand your testimony, Paula Cartwright left the residence on Rupas Drive in a taxi cab on the morning of October 17."

"That is correct," she said.

"Yes," she said in a low voice.

"Do I understand," said Perry Mason, raising his voice, "that you saw Paula Cartwright alive on the morning of October 17 of this year?"

The witness bit her lip, hesitated.

"Let the records show," said Perry Mason urbanely, "that the witness hesitates."

Claude Drumm jumped to his feet.

"That," he said, "is manifestly unfair, and I object to the question, as argumentative; as already asked and answered; as not being proper cross-examination."

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Claude Drumm reached for the lever which had been identified as being in the handwriting of Mrs. Cartwright, placed it on the table in front of the witness, and pounded it with his fist.

"Didn't you write that letter?" he asked of the witness.

"No!" she flared.

"Isn't it your handwriting?"

"You know that it is not," she said. "The handwriting doesn't resemble mine in the least."

"On the 17th day of October," said Perry Mason, "your right hand was in a bandage. Was it not?"

"Yes."

"You had been bitten by a dog?"

"Yes. Prince had been poisoned, and when I tried to give him an emetic he accidentally bit my hand."

"The objection is overruled," said Judge Markham. "The record will show that the witness hesitates appreciably in answering."

Thelma Benton looked up. Her eyes were dark with pain. "I can't say that I saw her personally," she said. "I heard steps going down the stairs from her room. I saw a taxi cab drawn up in front of the place, and I saw a woman getting into the taxi cab, then the cab drove away. I took it for

granted that the woman was Mrs. Cartwright."

"Then you didn't see her?" pressed Perry Mason.

"No," she said in a low voice, "I didn't see her."

"Now," said Perry Mason, "you have identified this letter as being in the handwriting of Mrs. Cartwright."

"Yes."

"Yes, sir."

Perry Mason produced the photostatic copy of the telegram which had been sent from Midwick.

"And," he said, "will you identify the photostatic copy of this telegram as also being in the handwriting of Paula Cartwright?"

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"And you couldn't hold a pen in that hand?"

There was a moment of silence, then the witness said suddenly: "Yes. And that goes to show how false your accusation is that I wrote that letter or that telegram. My hand was possibly held so that I couldn't possibly have held a pen in it."

"Were you," snapped Perry Mason, "in Midwick on the 17th day of October of this year?"

The witness hesitated.

"Didn't you," went on Perry Mason without waiting for an answer, "charter an aeroplane and fly to Midwick on the 17th day of October of this year?"

"Yes," said Perry Mason. "I thought that in Midwick, I might find Mrs. Cartwright in Midwick, and I went there by plane."

"And didn't you file this telegram at the telegraph office in Midwick while you were there?"

"No," she said, "I have told you that I couldn't have written that telegram."

"Very well," said Perry Mason. "Let's go back a moment to this mangled hand of yours. It is so badly mangled you couldn't possibly hold a pen in your right hand?"

"Yes."

"And that was on the 17th day of October of this year?"

"Yes."

"Also on the 18th day of October?"

"Yes."

"Also on the 19th?"

"Yes."

"Very well," said Perry Mason. "Isn't it a fact that you kept a diary over the period I have mentioned?"

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"After those shots were fired, the intruder grappled with Clinton Forbes. It will never be known whether the intruder came to meet Clinton Forbes, or whether Forbes rushed to meet the intruder, but the shots which killed Forbes were fired at close range.

"Gentlemen, it is the contention of the prosecution that those shots were fired by the defendant in this case.

"There is, gentlemen, one unanswerable objection to such a theory. That is, that if the intruder had been the defendant in this case, the police dog would not have rushed upon the defendant; nor would it have been necessary for the defendant to have shot the dog. The dog knew the defendant and loved him. The dog would never have charged upon the defendant under those circumstances, but would rather have given vent to joyous barks of canine gratification that the two persons whom it loved had been reunited.

"That, gentlemen, disposes of the case of the prosecution.

"Now, let me point out the significant circumstances which indicate that the murder was committed by some other person:

"There is evidence in this case that Arthur Cartwright complained of a dog howling on the premises of Clinton Forbes, on the night of October 16. The dog howled continuously during the night, the howls being from the back of the house and in the neighbourhood of the addition to the garage which was being duly constructed.

"Gentlemen, let us suppose that there had been an altercation between Paula Cartwright and Clinton Forbes. Let us suppose that Clinton Forbes, during that altercation, had murdered Paula Cartwright. Let us suppose that he and Thelma Benton, together, had scooped out a hollow grave in the soil where the cement floor of the new garage building was to be poured. And we might even suppose, in view of the terms of the note which Thelma Benton subsequently wrote, as purporting to come from the person of Paula Cartwright, that the bridge were burnt once more, and once more the guilty pair proceeded upon their career of deception.

"Gentlemen, I need not mention to you the inevitable result of such a combination of wickedness, founded upon crime, nurtured in deception, and culminating in murder. There were two conspirators, each of whom knew that the other had the power to send the long arm of the law swooping down in righteous reprisal. Thelma Benton was the first to act. She left the house at six o'clock and repaired to a rendezvous with a male friend. What she said to him, we need not ask. We are only concerned with what happened. And, mind you, I am making no case against Thelma Benton and her accomplice, but am only pointing out to you what might have happened, as a reasonable hypothesis upon which the evidence can be explained. Thelma Benton and her accomplice returned to the house. They entered, by using the key of the pseudo-housekeeper. Upon guilty feet, the pair stalked their living prey, as though he had been a beast of the jungle. But the sensible ears of the dog heard and interpreted that which was happening.

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"Paula Cartwright quarreled bitterly and her lips were sealed forever, by the two assassins who secretly buried her body. The Chinese cook was asleep. Only the stars of the sky knew what was going on.

"Clinton Forbes struggled with the woman and then there were two more shots fired at close range, and then—silence."

"Clinton Forbes came to an abrupt halt. He stared seriously, solemnly, at the jury. In a voice that was so low it could hardly be heard, he said, "Gentlemen, that is all."

"Finally the young speculator who followed up 'death' notices in local papers, discovered a death in a wealthy district he would visit the address—ask to see the person who had died. When told of the sad news he would pretend to be distressed and embarrassed, explaining that a lavishly embellished and inscribed Korean (Islam) Bible had been ordered by the deceased but a few weeks previously. The relatives would be so touched that they would buy the Bible without hesitation, often paying an extra £1 as the deceased "would have wished it that way."

"Eventually the young speculator was making £2 to £4 on a £12. Korean. Then the police heard the story, became suspicious, and the maker of unordained bibles is now in gaol.

police dog. He smelled the cold corpse. He knew that it was interred in a shallow grave and he watched by that grave and howled.

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"Arthur Cartwright had been watching the house. He didn't realize the significance of the steady howling of the dog, but it did prey upon his overwrought nerves. He took steps to see that the dog did not howl any more, thinking at the time he instituted such steps that the howling of the dog was nothing more than a vagary of the canine mind.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
Closing Times By Air
Malaya, Australia & New Zealand, 9.30 a.m.
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Iran, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe, & France, 5 p.m.
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Formosa, 5 p.m.
India, China, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea

Formosa, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Mauritius, East & South Africa, 2 p.m.
Malaya, India, & France. (Parcels only), 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
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Sierra, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
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Indo-China, & French North Africa, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

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Formosa, 5 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India, East & South Africa, Arabia, Egypt, Great Britain & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m. (Par & Reg), 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
Closing Times By Air
B.N. Borneo, Australia & New Zealand, 2 p.m.
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Formosa, 5 p.m.

Boundary St Armed Robbery Recalled

An armed robbery at Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, on the night of November 6 last year, which resulted in the wounding of a Policeman and a suspect was recalled before Mr Wicks at Kowloon this morning when a 24-year-old Shantung native, Lau Chuen, faced committal proceedings on a charge of armed robbery.

The prosecution was conducted by Insp. Watson.

One of the victims of the robbery, Mok Chung-hing, testified before Court that about 9 p.m. that day he was

talking with a woman Tam Ching at the Public Garden in Kowloon Tong when two men approached them. One of the intruders levelled a gun at them while the other squatted down and demanded their valuables.

Mok said he surrendered his gold watch, a ring and a package of airmail letter forms while his friend gave them her wrist watch. The robbers then hurried off with Mok following along Cumberland Road towards Boundary Street, raising the alarm as he ran. He came across Inspector W. Watson and reported the robbery.

Mr Holland borrowed a pair of goloshes but Mr Nehru negotiated the puddles in black town shoes.

Mr Nehru was escorted to the site by Mr Herbert Morrison, Britain's Deputy Prime Minister and the moving spirit behind the Festival.

Mr Holland came with Mr William Jordan, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Britain.

The Prime Minister made the tour together, spending half an hour in the Festival's concert hall.

Both statesmen expressed admiration of the Festival's arrangements. Mr Nehru commented, "Quite fascinating. Rather unlike the normal show exhibition."

Mr Nehru had the day more or less to himself and he received a number of his old friends at his hotel. Reuter.

Nehru Visits Festival Site

London, Jan. 15. Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, and Mr Sidney Holland, the New Zealand Prime Minister, ploughed through mud inches deep here today when they inspected the 1951 Festival of Britain site on the Thames' South Bank.

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Banishee Pleads He Has Become Respectable

A life banishee, who was sent out of the Colony in 1948, told Mr d'Almada, at Kowloon this morning that he had been back for the last two years and had become respectable.

The defendant, Chan Kwong, who was charged with breach of a deportation order, asked the Magistrate to take this into consideration. Inspector W. Jones stated that the defendant, who had several previous convictions, including burglary and keeping a gambling house, was arrested in Shanghai last year.

Mr d'Almada sentenced the defendant to five months and ordered him to be re-banished. Mr d'Almada also refused an application for bail made by defendant's wife.

Disorderly Conduct

A soldier, Pte. S. Pressdee of the 1st King's Shropshire Light Infantry, was bound over in the sum of \$200 for a year for disorderly conduct by Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning.

He was also ordered to pay \$250.50 compensation for malicious damage to a shop in Temple Street.

According to the prosecution, Pressdee went into the shop at about 7.40 p.m. on January 12 and created a disturbance, breaking several glass jars and upsetting rice and flour. He was arrested when the Police were called.

Squatter Area Blaze

Fire broke out in the squatter area at Fa Hui Village, north of Boundary Street, shortly after noon today.

All available fire appliances have been despatched to the scene where a large contingent of Police are maintaining order.

The fire, which started at 12.10 p.m. in one of the huts, spread southwards toward the railway bridge near Boundary Street, but was brought under control at 1 p.m.

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Skating Over Frozen Canals



The recent spell of cold weather froze the numerous canals and ditches which zig-zag across the flat country of Holland, providing ice skating for the inhabitants. This picture shows Dutch skaters against a typical landscape, and windmill. — AP Picture.

Alleged Menacing Letters

4 MEN ON TRIAL:
DEFENCE OPENS

The case for the defence in the trial of four men on charges of uttering letters demanding money with menaces and conspiracy to utter such letters was continued before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused were Au Yeung-chung, 20, Leung Shiu-wah, 25, Chiu Kam, 26, and Ip Hung, 31. They were jointly charged with (1) uttering a letter demanding with menaces \$6,000 from Li Kam-kee, manager of the To Li Yuen Restaurant, 119-121 Temple Street; (2) uttering a letter demanding with menaces \$10,000 from Wat Sai-man, manager of the Kam Tong Restaurant, 524-526 Shanghai Street; and (3) conspiracy between September 16 and September 22 to demand with menaces \$10,000 from Wat Sai-man.

A Jury of five men and two women was empanelled to try the case.

The Prosecution, conducted by Mr J. Reynolds (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det-Sub-Insp. E.I.K. O'Reilly, alleged that fourth accused (Ip Hung) approached two detainees, one of whom was Det-Cpl Wu Chung-chi, about September 2 last year, and told them that he knew about a certain gang of men who had guns and hand grenades. The detainees told fourth accused to obtain further information and to report to them. On September 20, fourth accused told the detainees that the gang were sending out threatening letters to several Chinese restaurants.

On September 21, the managers of the To Li Yuen Restaurant and the Kam Tong Restaurant each received a letter in which demands were made for \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively with threats of dire consequences if the requests were not met. The letters were taken to the Police who, on September 22, raided a hut at Tai Po Road where the first three accused and another man (since discharged) were found asleep. In the hut were also found envelopes, writing pads, Chinese pens and a chipping pad, and a tin containing 10 Chinese characters in lead type.

Fourth accused was taken into custody separately the same day.

DOCK STATEMENT

Making a statement from the dock in his own defence, third accused (Chiu Kam) said that while he was in the hut at Tai Po Road he was given 30 cents and three letters by fourth accused, who told him to buy stamps and post the letters for the unity of the Church, and will include a series of lectures on Catholic Life and Worship.

Reuter. Rev. Fr. P. Joy SJ will give the opening talk entitled: "The Pope at Home." This will be followed by: "The Bishop in His Diocese" on the 10th, "The Parish Priest" on the 20th and "Religious Orders" on the 21st. Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan SJ will then continue with three talks entitled: "Back to the Fold," and H. E. Mgr. H. Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, will bring the octave to a close with a talk on "That they may be one."

The service will commence each evening at 6.30 (except on Sunday, when it will be held at 11 a.m.) with special prayers for the unity of the Church, and will include a series of lectures on Catholic Life and Worship.

Plaing guilty, the first defendant said that she was bringing some woolen pull-overs which she had knitted for a crew member of the vessel and did not know it was necessary to obtain permission for boarding.

The second defendant stated that she accompanied the first defendant to the vessel.

Mr Low told the defendants he was imposing nominal fines of \$5, but should they appear before him again they would be more severely dealt with.

It is individual conscience.

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... all our measures to make an armed defence of our land, all our efforts to stockpile prime necessities, all our attempts to anticipate the many physical hardships that attend a bitter and bloody war can avail us nothing without a re-strengthening of our moral and spiritual fibre, without a revival of integrity of spirit." — United Press.

Two women were arrested as a result of a raid by a party of Police led by Det-Sub-Insp. K.S. Van on two massage establishments late last night.

Plaing guilty to a charge of running massage establishments without a licence, Ma Yee-ho, 19, of No. 48, Yu On Terrace, ground floor, and Cheung Yuet-nger, 50, of No. 50 Yu On Terrace, first floor, were each fined \$250 by Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. To keep the fibres moist to avoid breaking. 2. Burma. 3. Seasickness. 4. England. 5. A table-land of small extent rising abruptly from a surrounding plain. 6. An order of honour awarded to U.S. military men wounded by enemy action.

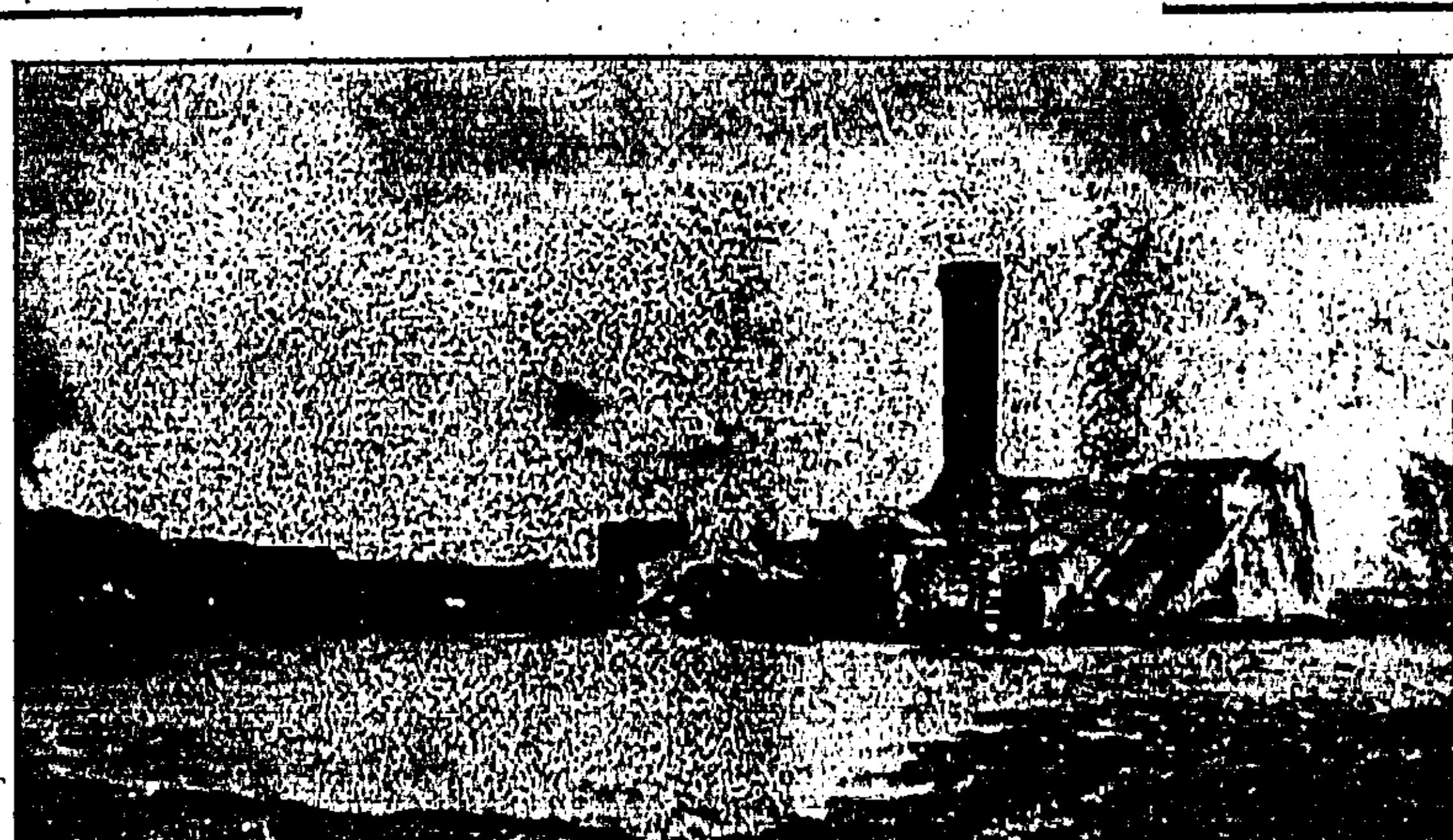
INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

In the absence of any clue or indication of a key, we can only suggest that this transposition cipher may be solved by our better-known proverbs suggests that BEEP may be BEEP FAIR OR NO POOL LIKE AN OLD POOL

So BABA delphined is FIFI.

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Fire Destroys 8,000 Tons Of Wood



This photo was taken at the height of a grass fire which swept through the Forestry Commission's main firewood depot on the outskirts of Melbourne recently. The damage was estimated at \$85,000, eight thousand tons of wood being destroyed. Fire fighters were hampered by shortage of water, and fought the flames with bulldozers and special equipment rushed to the depot.

Quirino's Broadcast To Nation

Manila, Jan. 16.

President Quirino, in a radio broadcast to the nation last night, exhorted the people to develop moral strength and a spirit of unity to help the country "prepare for a war of defence."

"Don't deceive yourselves that we are in an actual war for internal security—we have to seek first that moral strength rooted in a developed conscience, the strength that is best expressed in the unity of the people in support of our forces," he said.

Referring to the present internal situation and emergency existing on the Korean war, Mr Quirino said, "In the crisis that we, in common with the rest of humanity, face today, the ultimate protection and preservation of our cherished liberty and our survival itself must depend on the quality of our spirit—of faith, love and loyalty to our country, of self-sacrifice or selflessness and solidarity. I know of no other basis. I know, as you know, that we have no other answer."

Delivering his monthly "radio chat", the President said the Government's efforts to prepare for contingencies in the future would not suffice unless people displayed a spirit of self-sacrifice and contributed to the common cause for "national survival".

PEOPLE WARNED

He warned the people against being " lulled into a false sense of security in the apparent absence of extra sensational developments."

Pleading guilty, the first defendant said that she was bringing some woolen pull-overs which she had knitted for a crew member of the vessel and did not know it was necessary to obtain permission for boarding.

"We now enjoy liberty and freedom," he continued. "We have our own civilization. Our new way of life has become dear to us. We cherish our established institutions. But today all these are threatened, if we are to preserve them, if we are to move further, we must feel the compulsion of a moral duty and a higher authority, one that must develop within ourselves, that is, the small, still voice of God within us. The other name for it is individual conscience."

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